

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance
Nominee Information Form**

Persons needing Braille or large print copies of the following should contact the Division of Special Education at 573-751-0601. This document may also be emailed or faxed upon request.

Missouri statutes provide for formation of a **Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance**. According to the statute, “this task force shall develop goals and objectives to guide the improvement of special education, related services, vocational training, transition from school to work, rehabilitation services, independent living and employment outcomes for eligible students” (§162.1130.3).

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking nominations of persons to this task force.

The current opening on the task force is for:

- . **Employer** of persons with VI

Vacancies occurring in **November of 2005:**

- . Student
- . VI teacher
- . SPED Administrator
- . Building Principal
- . Parent
- . NFB Representative

The membership categories of the Task Force are as follows:

Three **parents** of students with visual impairments (VI).¹

Two current **public school students** with VI

Two Missouri certificated and practicing **VI teachers** (persons with Braille experience, as well as other instructional techniques, including use of technology)

One **public school special education administrator** who supervises instruction of students with VI.

One **public school building principal** who supervises instruction of students with VI.

One **employer** of persons with VI.

One **orientation and mobility specialist**.

One representative from a **university special educator training program**.

One **National Federation of the Blind of Missouri** representative.

One **Missouri Council of the Blind** representative.

Two **DESE representatives** (one from MSB).

Two **DSS representatives** (one from RSB).

¹ Expect to select persons who collectively can address both urban and rural contexts.

the Task Force must be in compliance with House Bill 600. A background check will be done by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Task Force will meet at least quarterly in the mid-MO area. All reasonable and necessary expenses will be paid by the state agency. Appointees will be expected to attend all meetings and actively participate in all Task Force activities. The state agency will reimburse expenses for all reasonable accommodations that may be needed by task force members.

The purpose of the task force is to work with DESE and DSS to promote literacy and vocational performance among students with visual impairments. Specific duties of the task force include:

- . Conduct an annual report from DESE to the State Legislature about the literacy of blind and visually-impaired children
- . Oversee the DESE and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind joint referral system
- . Oversee the Blindness Skills Specialist Fund
- . Oversee a purchasing preference in textbook materials between public schools and textbook vendors. The authorizing legislation is cited as Chapter 162.1130, et.seq., RSMO and can be found at <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divspeced/Blind/literacy.html>

Nominees are asked to complete the following information along with a current resume and return to:

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First and last name of nominee (please print).	
Social Security Number	
Date of Birth	
Mailing address of nominee (please print).	
Voice line of nominee.	
Fax line of nominee.	
Email address of nominee.	
Please identify information for two persons who can serve as references to your professional work. Please include their name, organization, address and phone.	1. 2.
Which "membership category (ies)" of the Task Force are you applying to fill? Employer of persons with VI Vacancies occurring in November of 2005 1 VI teacher 1SPED Administrator 1 Building Principal 1 Parent 1 Student 1NFB Representative	
What other state-wide or regional task forces, advisory panels or such organizations are you or have you been a member of?	
What accommodations, if any, do you require?	